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SUBJECT: SFM WEEKLY SUMMARY

1. YOUR FIRST WEEKLY REPORT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED HERE AND WE BELIEVE THIS VEHICLE--REMINISCENT OF THE OLD JOINT WEEKA REPORTING PROGRAM--WILL PROVE TO BE A VERY HANDY WAY OF DEALING WITH SMALL ITEMS THAT ARE NOT OF SUFFICIENT IMPORT TO WARRANT SEPARATE TREATMENT. THESE WEEKAS WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN INSIGHT INTO THE FLAVOR OF LIFE AT SFM FOR THOSE OF US CONFINED TO THE BUREAUCRATIC REGIMEN OF WASHINGTON.

2. LARRY PENDLETON DISCUSSED THE AREA BOOK PROCUREMENT PROBLEM WITH BOB0Y WOLFE. APPARENTLY, SOME OF THE BOOKS ON YOUR INITIAL REQUEST LIST WERE OUT OF PRINT, AND OTHERS WERE FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS. GREENVILLE DECIDED TO SPREAD OUT THE MONEY ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURPOSE BY BUYING FIVE BOOKS PER MONTH. SO FAR, FOUR BOOKS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED, THREE OF WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY NOW; THE FOURTH WAS SENT ON JULY 14. MIKE KAPPLE HAS NOW BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DRAW  
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ON THE REMAINING BALANCE TO PROCURE BOOKS ON YOUR REQUEST LIST THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE IN ISRAEL OR EGYPT. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL EXPEDITE MATTERS AND IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED LET US KNOW.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE GOI REFUND OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX, YOU MAY WANT TO SUGGEST THAT THE CHECK BE MADE PAYABLE

TO E-SYSTEMS. IN THIS WAY WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO TREAT IT AS A MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPT. INSTEAD, GREENVILLE WOULD TREAT IT AS A CONTRACT CREDIT. SINCE THE TAX REFUND IS ESSENTIALLY ON PURCHASES BY E-SYSTEMS, THIS SEEMS TO BE THE MOST REASONABLE WAY TO HANDLE IT. THE SAME CONSIDERATIONS WOULD PERTAIN TO THE REFUND OF THE DEFENSE TAX.

4. WE UNDERSTAND FROM DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY READ'S STAFF THAT HIS AND MRS. READ'S VISIT TO SFM ON JULY 3 WENT WELL. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE A BRIEF RUNDOWN FROM YOU ON THEIR VISIT. ALSO WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HEARING HOW THE DAVID AARON VISIT WE;T. VANCE

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